

## **REMARKS**

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 set forth in the March 15, 2006, Office Action, Applicant elects for continued prosecution the Group 1 claims (claims 1-15), without traverse. Claims 16-19 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly on claim 1, and therefore now also fall into Group 1. Claim 20 has been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to later file a divisional application directed to the non-elected, cancelled claims.

Several of the claims have been amended to clarify the subject matter being claimed.

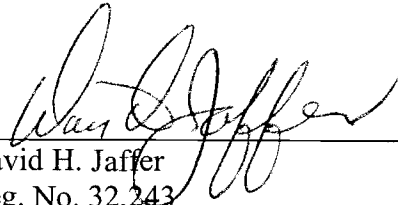
An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

## CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should any questions arise during examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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